

**PATENT**

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: ALLEN et al.

Application: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONFIGURATION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS VIA ENABLING IN-BAND  
COMMUNICATIONS

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 22, 2007, please  
reconsider the above-identified application as follows: